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BEDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1971



BEDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

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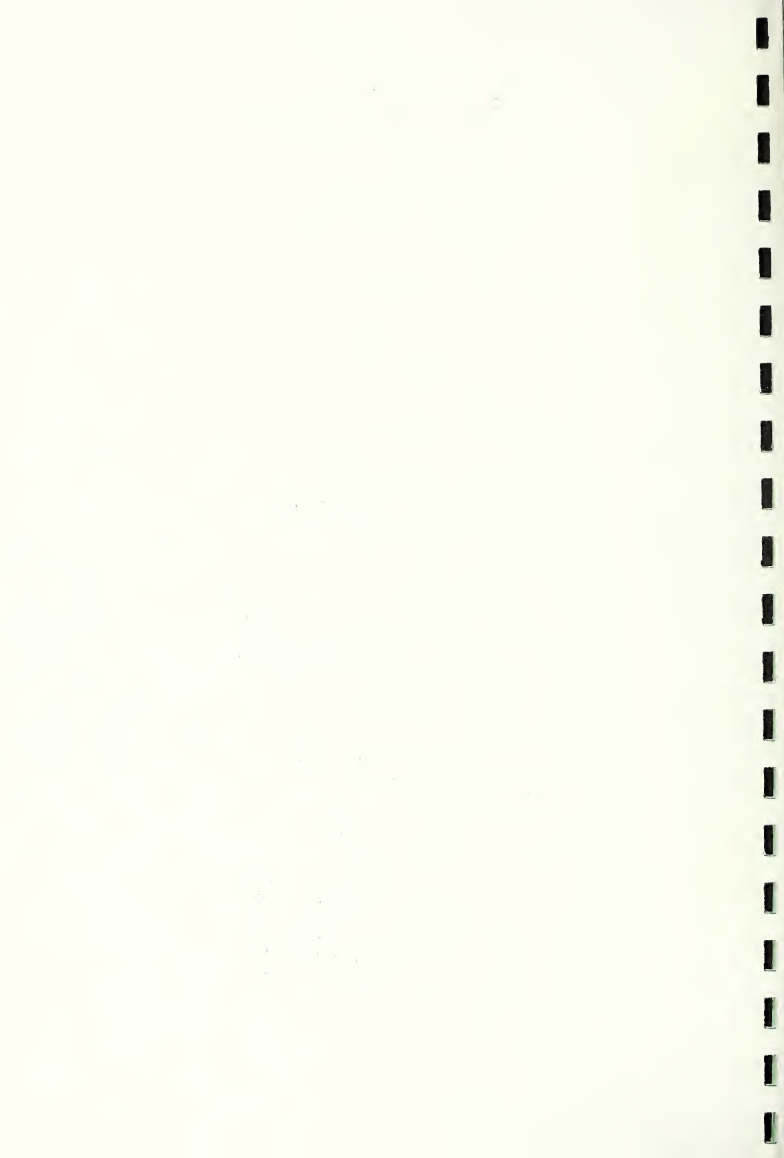
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Bedworth.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
BEDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Ward and Gentlemen,

I herewith present to you my Annual Report on the state of health and environmental conditions of the Urban District of Bedworth for 1971, together with the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

The population figure obtained from the office of the Registrar General was 40,740. During the year 834 births were notified giving a birth rate of 18.1. This was higher than the figures of 16.9 and 16.0 quoted for Warwickshire and England and Wales. Of these 24 died before reaching their first birthday giving a mortality rate of 24 which was higher than the national figure of 18.0. I do not consider this to be statistically important in view of the small number of births involved, but should be compared with the downward trend in the infant mortality rate over the years. All these deaths were due to congenital abnormalities or other causes which are unavoidable in the present state of medical knowledge.

The total number of deaths amounting to 351 was lower than in 1970 giving a mortality rate of 8.6 which was lower than the national average. Once again the causes of death were, in the main, similar to those reported in previous years, and there is no significant increase in the incidence of any disease which I wish to draw to the attention of the Council.

The notification of infectious disease showed a sharp drop from 189 in 1970 to 69 in the year under review. This can be attributed to a fall in the notification of measles from 124 to 10.

The personal health services, which are the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council, continued to function satisfactorily. A full report of these appear in the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer and Principal School Medical Officer.

The remainder of the report is self explanatory and there is no matter of an adverse nature which I wish to bring to the attention of the Council.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and support. Appreciation must also be expressed for the co-operation and assistance received from Mr. Burriss and members of the Public Health Department and also colleagues in other Departments.

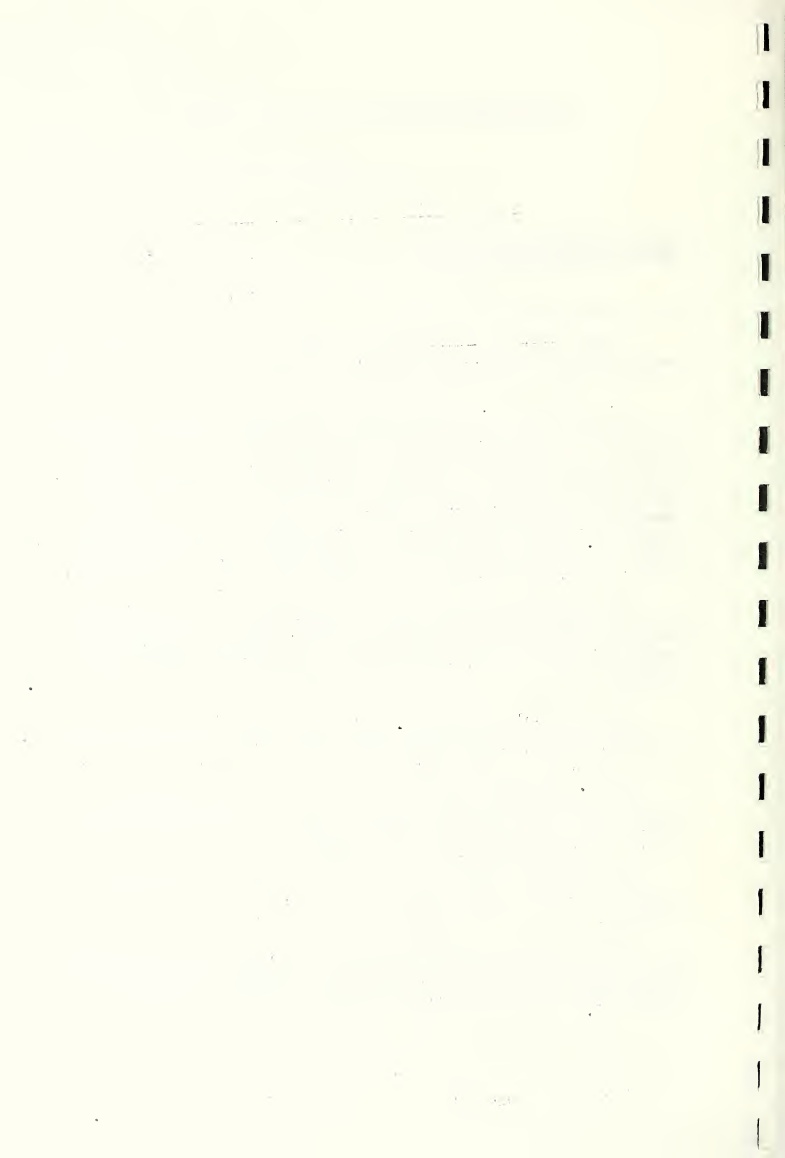


TABLE 1

Area of District...	...	...	...	...	7320 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate) mid 1971	...	...	...	...	40,740.
Rateable Value at 31.3.71.	...	...	...	...	£1,345,958.
General Rate Levied	...	...	...	...	14/11d.
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	213,283.
Number of Inhabited Houses, including houses and shops and licensed premises as at 31.3.71.	...	...	...	...	12,728.

LIVE BIRTHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Legitimate	400	379	779
Illegitimate	21	25	46
Total	421	404	825
STILL BIRTHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Legitimate	1	6	7
Illegitimate	2	-	2
Total	3	6	9
ALL BIRTHS	424	410	834
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)	Crude	20.3	
	Corrected	18.1	
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 total births plus still births)		11.	
DEATHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
All ages	188	163	351
Under one year	9	11	20

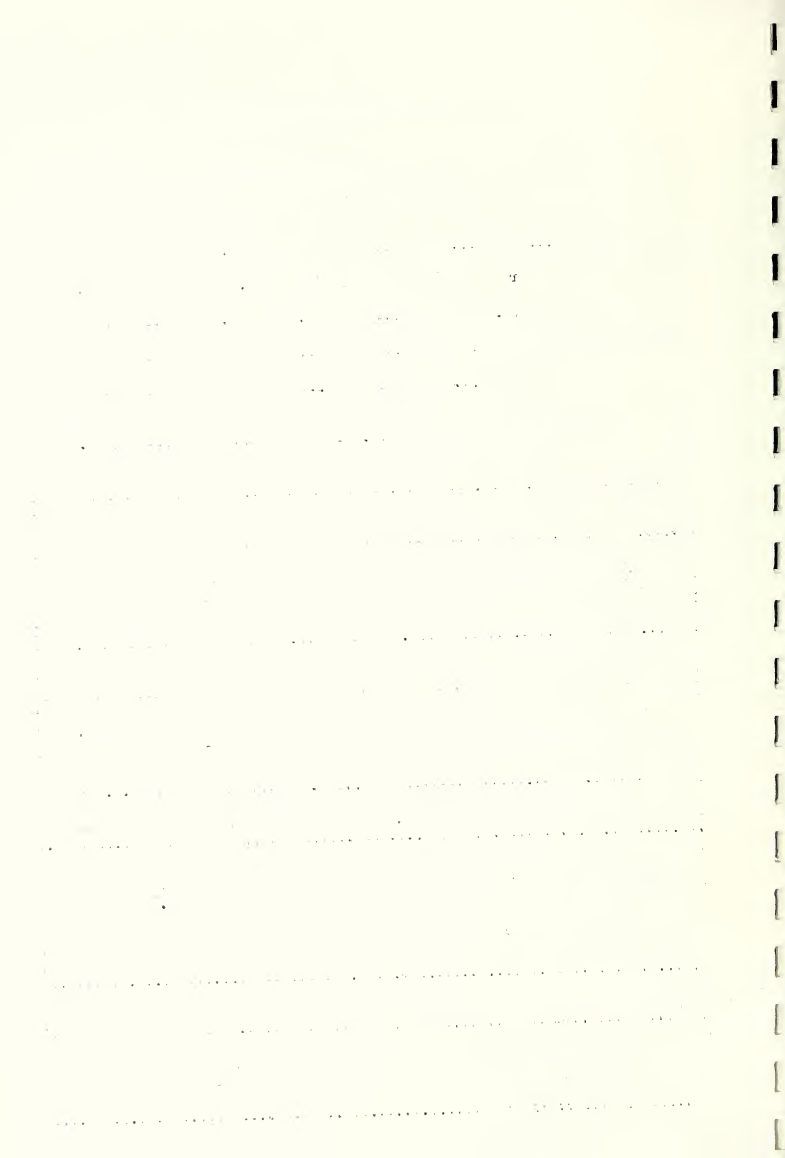


TABLE 1 Cont...

Death Rate (per 1,000 population	Crude	8.6
	Corrected	9.5
Deaths under 1 year (per 1,000 live births)		24.
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth and abortion		-
Deaths from Measles		-
Deaths from Whooping Cough		-
Legitimate infant deaths under 1 yr (per 1,000 legitimate live births)		26.
Illegitimate infant deaths under 1 yr (per 1,000 illegitimate live births)		-
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births		15.
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)		12.
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined 1,000 total live and still births)		23.

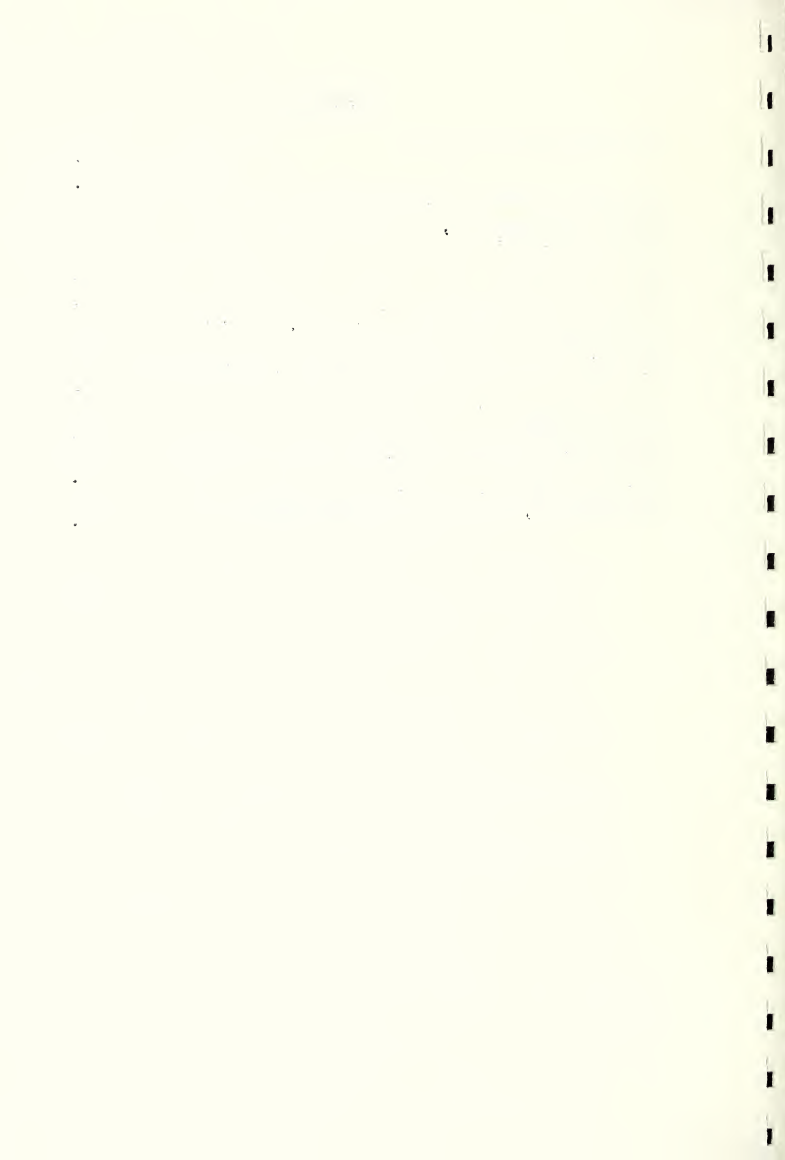


TABLE 2
VITAL STATISTICS

YEAR.	POPULATION	NO. OF DEATHS	NO. OF BIRTHS	NO. OF INFANT DEATHS	DEATH RATE	BIRTH RATE	INFANT MORTALITY RATE.
1961	32,610	395	651	12	12.1	19.9	18.4
1962	33,380	316	672	13	9.5	19.7	20.6
1963	34,250	428	664	26	12.5	19.1	20.0
1964	34,890	401	717	35	12.0	20.3	21.1
1965	34,820	411	745	17	11.8	21.1	23.0
1966	37,100	412	825	18	11.1	20.8	22.1
1967	39,100	372	793	24	9.5	19.9	14.0
1968	40,170	415	823	13	10.3	20.5	13.0
1969	40,700	405	829	13	10.0	20.4	16.0
1970	41,020	377	823	12	9.2	19.7	15.0
1971	40,740	351	834	20	8.6	20.3	24.0

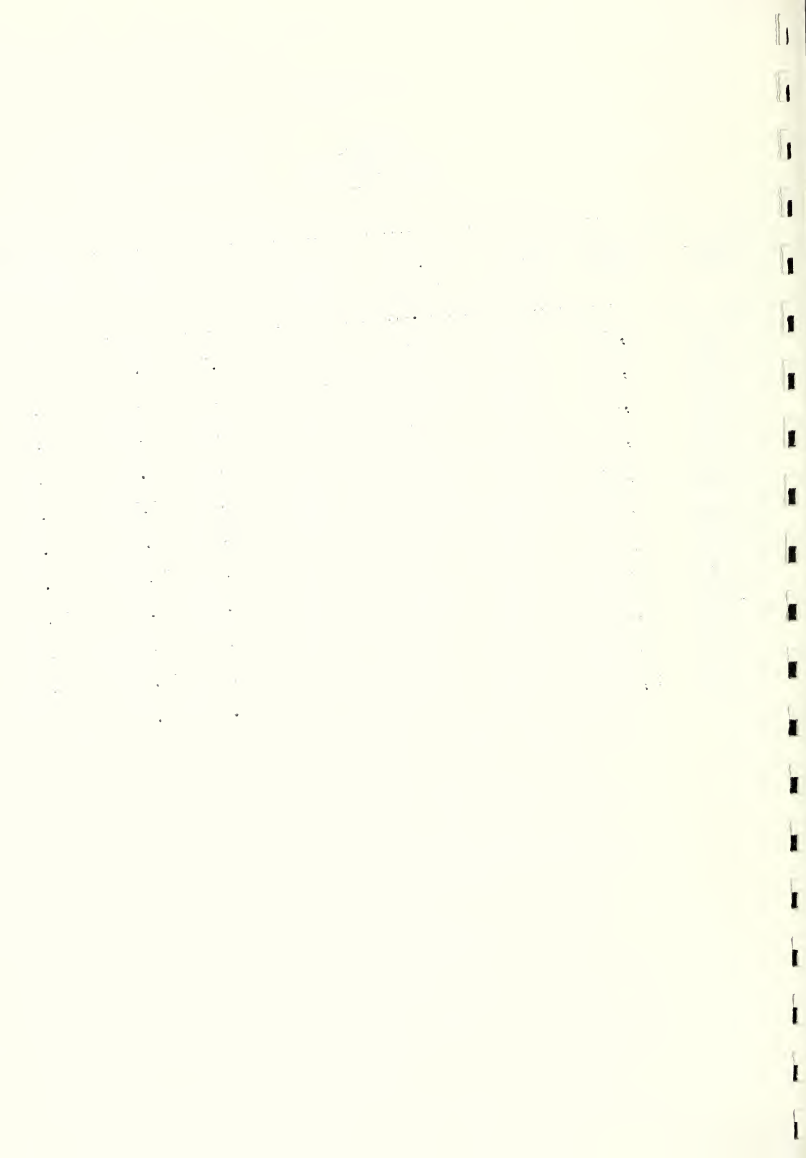


TABLE 3

CAUSES OF DEATH.

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Bronchitis and Emphysema	20	5	25
Asthma	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	5	4	9
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	-	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	2	2
Disease of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1	1
Disease of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies	4	5	9
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	2	3	5
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	3	1	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	1	3	4
All Other External Causes	2	2	4
Other Tuberculosis	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	2	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	5	-	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung and Bronchus	14	2	16
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	8	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	4	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	7	16
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	4	8	12
Endocrine			
Other Diseases	1	2	3
Mental Disorders	-	1	1
Meningitis	-	1	1
Multiple Sclerosis	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	2	3

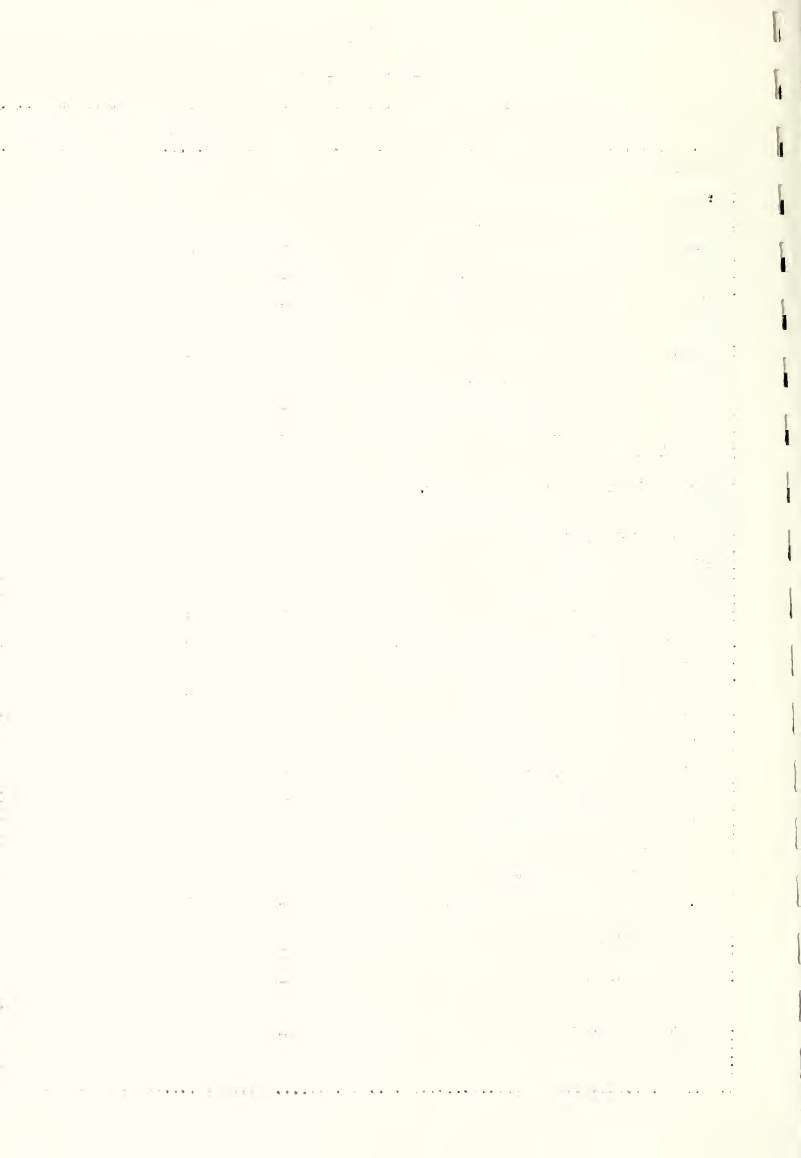


TABLE 3 Cont....

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	3	3
Hypertensive Disease	7	3	10
Ischaemic Heart Disease	57	33	90
Other Forms of Heart Disease	8	3	11
Cerebrovascular Disease	14	34	48
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	3	8
Pneumonia	13	13	26

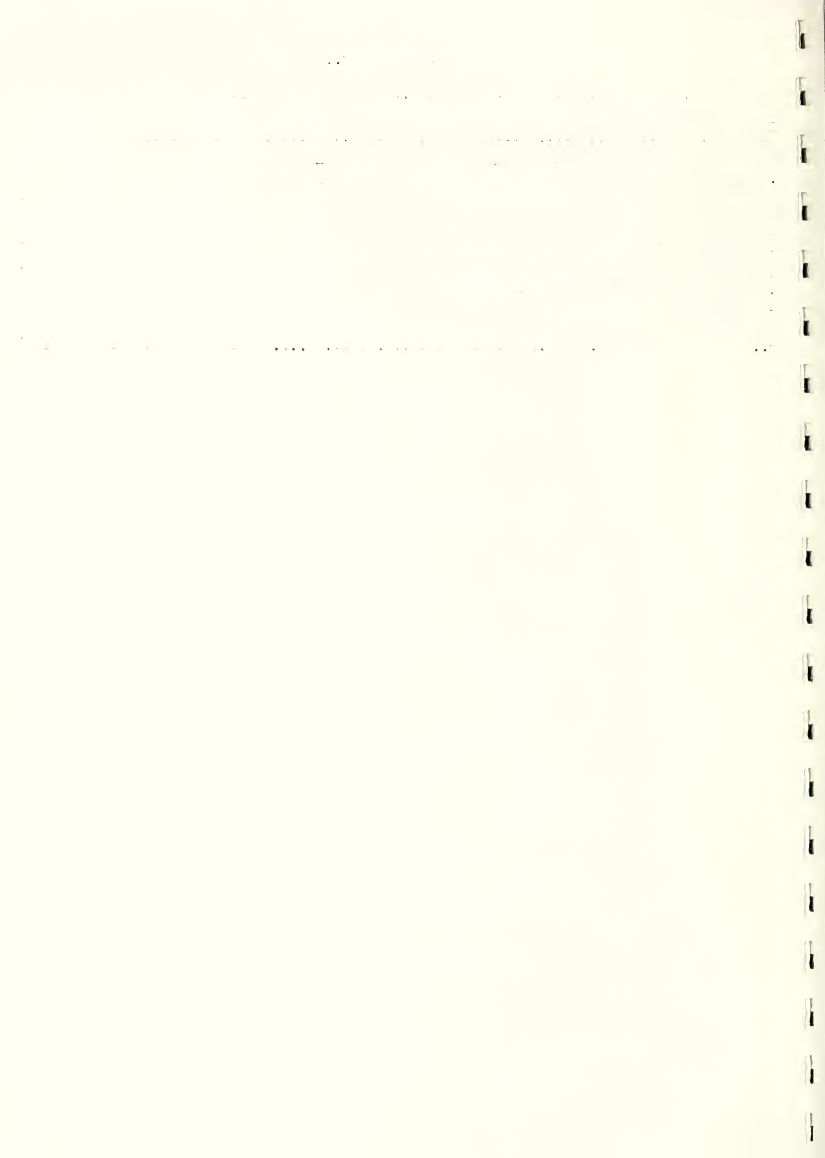


TABLE 4INFANT MORTALITYCAUSES OF NEO-NATAL DEATHS, 1971

CAUSES OF DEATH	PREMATURE	NOT PREMATURE	TOTAL
Spina Bifida	-	1	1
Neo-natal Anaemia	-	1	1
Pulmonary Syndrome	1	-	1
Peritonitis	-	1	1
Acute Inhalation Pneumonia	-	1	1
Asphyxia	-	1	1
Respiratory Failure	1	-	1
Congenital Heart Disease	1	1	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	-	1
Hydrocephalus	-	1	1
Nec-natal anoxia	-	1	1
	4	8	12

TABLE 5INFANT DEATHS - WARDS.

WARD	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Bulkington	-	2	2
Exhall East	3	1	4
Exhall West	3	1	4
Bedworth West	1	3	4
Bedworth North	2	2	4
Bedworth Heath	-	2	2
	9	11	20

TABLE 6

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASESTUBERCULOSIS

AGE PERIOD	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	2	-	2	-	-	-	-

TABLE 7

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Cases on Register at 1.1. 71	176	152	24	26	378
Cases removed during 1971	4	7	2	2	15
Cases added during 1971	3	2	-	2	7
Cases on Register at 31.12.71.	175	147	22	26	370

TABLE 8
NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

CASES NOTIFIED

	<u>0-1</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>5-10</u>	<u>10-15</u>	<u>15-25</u>	<u>25-45</u>	<u>45+</u>	<u>Total</u>
Whooping Cough	2	11	9	-	-	-	-	22
Measles	4	3	3	-	-	-	-	10
Infective Hepatitis	1	6	14	7	3	8	2	41
Dysentery	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	5
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	4

TABLE 9

FOOD POISONING

<u>Total number of outbreaks.</u>	<u>Number of cases.</u>	<u>Number of deaths.</u>	<u>Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks of each.</u>	<u>Food involved with number of outbreaks of each.</u>
-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 10

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL 1971

DISEASE	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	7	4	11
Gastro-Enteritis	11	2	13
Pertussis	1	-	1
P.U.O.	1	-	1
Infective Hepatitis	-	1	1
	20	7	27

TABLE 11

Existing arrangements for all the Clinic Services provided by the Warwickshire County Council within the District are shown below:-

SERVICE	SITUATION OF PREMISES	DAYS OPEN.
Child Health Centres (under 5 years)	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	Mondays and Thursdays 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Wednesdays 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon.
	Bennetts Road North, Keresley.	Tuesdays. 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
	Chequer Street, Bulkington.	Wednesdays 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Thursdays 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	Tuesdays 9.30 p.m. - 12 noon.
Mothercraft and Relaxation	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
	Bennetts Road North, Keresley.	Wednesdays. 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
	Chequer Street, Bulkington.	Tuesdays 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Eye Clinic	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	By appointment.
Dental Clinic	Nicholas Chamberlaine School.	Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. By appointment.
Speech Therapy	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	By appointment.
Cervical Cytology Clinic	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	1st Tuesday in each month. By appointment.
	Chequer St, Bulkington.	3rd Tuesday in each month. By appointment.
Family Planning Clinic	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	2nd, 4th and 5th Monday in each month. By appointment.

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LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory situated at the Coventry and Warwick Hospital, Coventry, undertakes the bacteriological examination of samples of water, ice cream and food, also in the investigation of infectious diseases.

The services of the Analyst to the City of Coventry are also utilised for chemical analysis.

THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICE.

The General Practitioner service is administered by the Warwickshire and Solihull Executive Council. There are several Medical Practitioners living in the district and others residing outside practise on the periphery.

There are no general hospital services directly available in the district but adequate out and in patient facilities are provided at the Nuneaton and Coventry Hospitals which are administered by No. 20 Group Hospital Management Committee of the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. Cases of infectious disease are admitted to Whitley Isolation Hospital, Coventry. Out patient clinics for tuberculosis are held at Riversley Park Clinic, Coton Road, Nuneaton.

Warwickshire County Council are responsible for the administration of the School Health Service and arrangements for Lomiciliary Nursing and Midwifery Services, Domestic Helps, Vaccination and Immunisation, Care of Mothers and Young Children, Care and After Care and the Ambulance Service as laid down in Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

With the exception of the Ambulance Service the day by day administration of these Services is under the control of the Area Medical Officer, Area Health Department, Rye Piece, Bedworth.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

TO THE CHAIRMAN, MRS. WARD AND MEMBERS OF THE
BELMONT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

My. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

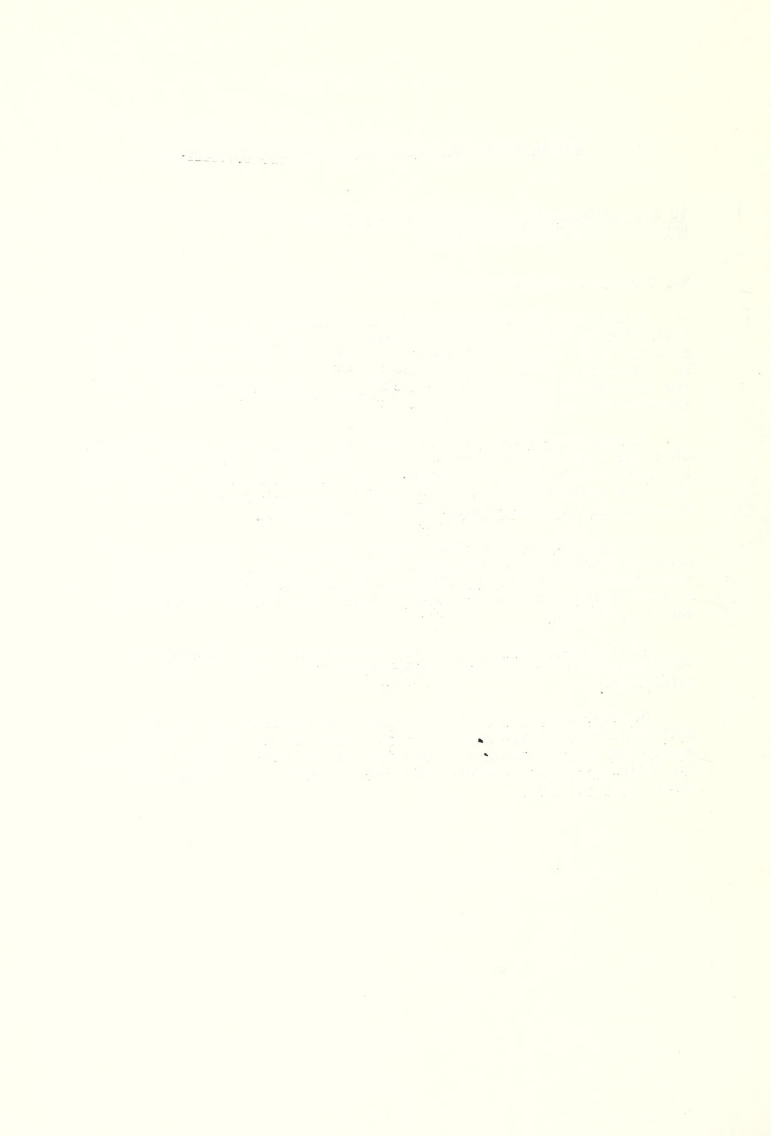
I have much pleasure in submitting my annual report for the year 1977. During the year further concentration on Improvement Grants has resulted in an increase of 50% in the number of applications approved and a trebling of the cost of works carried out, it will be noted that the majority of grants were given to owner occupiers, the ratio to tenanted houses being 6 to 1.

Because of finance restriction on the amount of money allowed for Clean Air a new and much smaller No. 4 Smoke Control Area was submitted for confirmation to the Department of the Environment, it is to be hoped that more money will be made available in the near future in order to expedite this essential part of public health work.

The important work of Food Hygiene has not been neglected and it has been noticeable that the establishment of the new market has been responsible for much better standards in presentation and protection of food stuffs than were formerly in being when the old kerbside market was in operation.

All food premises and factory canteens have been inspected and a 100% inspection of all animals slaughtered in the area has been maintained.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee and the Medical Officer of Health for their help and guidance and also the Public Health Inspectors for their efforts in advancing the work of public health generally throughout the area.



HOUSING

Give below details of houses repaired, of houses demolished and also of houses improved.

HOUSES REPAIRED.

No. of houses repaired following Informal Action by Local Authority - 6.
No. of houses repaired following Formal Action by Local Authority - 0.

HOUSES BEYOND REPAIR

No. of houses made subject to Demolition or Closing Orders. - 8

HOUSING ACT, 1969 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The following table shows the number of applications received for Improvement and Standard Grants during the past 5 years.

Year.	No. of Apps.	No. S/g.	Granted I/g.	No. Refused	No. of houses Owner/Occupied	No. of houses Tenanted.
1967	71	62	7	2	61	10
1968	83	82	1	-	50	33
1969	58	44	13	1	44	14
1970	118	56	62	-	105	13
1971	121	26	95	2	103	18

IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES

DETAILS OF STANDARD GRANTS.

Number of applications received	26
Number of applications approved	26
Number of baths installed	19
Number of wash hand basins installed	17
Number of hot water supplies supplied	25
Number of internal w.c.'s installed	22

Total amount paid in grant £3,246.01.

DETAILS OF IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Number of applications received	97
Number of applications approved	95

Total amount paid in grant £34,315.49

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Below is an extract from the report submitted to the Ministry of Labour on the operation of the above Act to 31st December, 1971.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

<u>Class of Premises.</u>	<u>No. of Premises Reg. in year.</u>	<u>Total No. of Reg. Premises.</u>	<u>No. of Reg. Premises receiving a general inspection during the year.</u>
Offices	6	36	2
Retail Shops	5	139	75
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	1	5	1
Catering Establishments	1	21	8
	<u>13</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>86</u>

Number of visits paid by Inspectors to registered premises 265.

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<u>CLASS OF WORKPLACE</u>	<u>No. of Persons Employed</u>
Offices	163
Retail Shops	608
Wholesale Depot	71
Catering Establishments open to public	76
	<u>918</u>
Males	486
Females	432

<u>CONTRAVENTIONS OF ACT</u>	<u>N. OF NOTICES.</u>
Abstract of Act not displayed	3
Absence of thermometer	4
Lack of cleanliness	1
Inadequate first aid box	3
No intervening ventilated space	4.

ACCIDENT REPORTS.

5 accident reports were received during the year. In all the cases none of the accidents could be attributed to any failure or neglect on the part of the employers and there was no need to take formal action.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

There are 12 Licenced Caravan Sites in the Urban District on which are sited 240 caravans.

All sites have main drainage, mains water and electricity and are in a reasonably satisfactory condition.

FOOD PREMISES.

The number of Food Premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Ice Cream, Sales and Storage	81
Sausages	15

VISITS TO FOOD PREMISES.

Fried Fish Shops	12
Bakehouses	8
Butchers shops, stalls and vans	20
Catering establishments	8
Other shops including public houses	75

MEAT INSPECTION.

There are two licenced slaughterhouses in the area, inspection being carried out on a rota basis by the three District Inspectors.

Ante-mortem inspection and 100% meat inspection has been achieved.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED MEAT 1Ton 1 Cwt. 1 Qr.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

Routine inspection of food shops and notification by retailers resulted in the voluntary surrender of a large variety of food as being unfit for human consumption.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED FOOD 3Tons 18 Cwts.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES, INCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSES.

The inspections are carried out to ascertain compliance with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 and Section 89 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

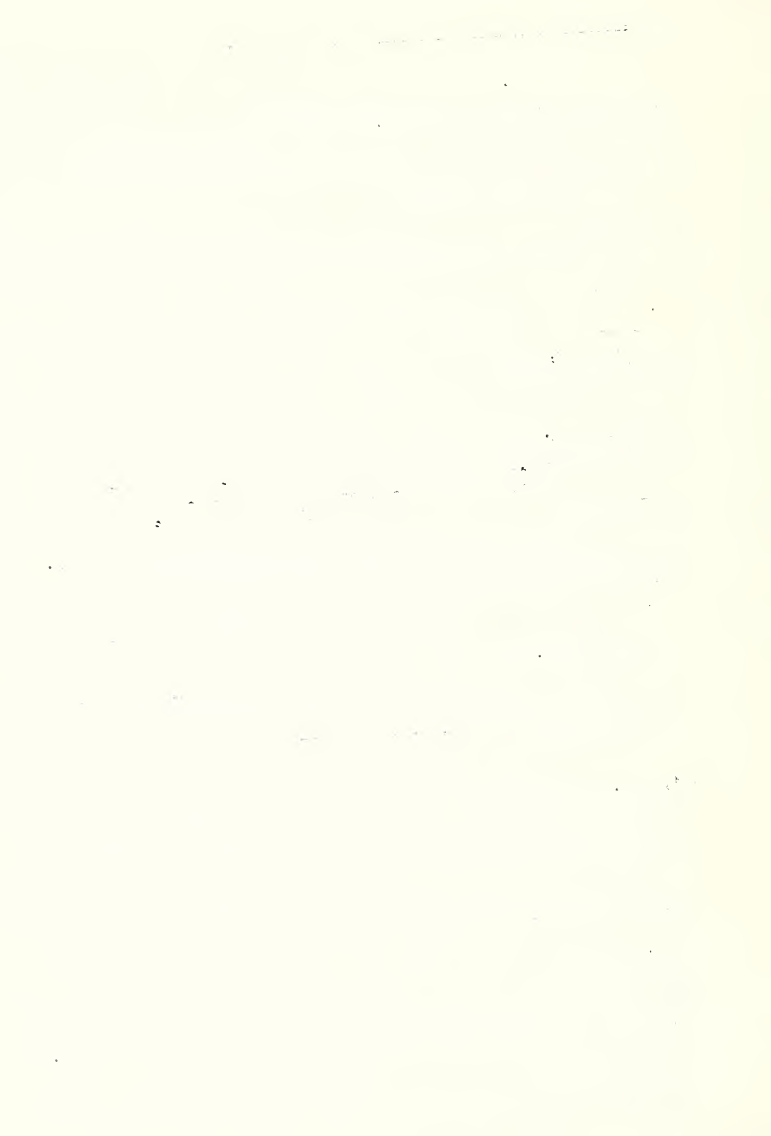
Certain infringements were found during the above inspections, all such defects were remedied and in certain cases improvements to premises were made.

RODENT CONTROL.

The work of rodent control is contracted out to Messrs. Rentokil Ltd., who provide a daily service in addition to a yearly treatment of the sewers.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no premises in the district where offensive trades are carried out.



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of Bedworth is constant, and is obtained as follows-

- (a) Two sources at the Newdigate Colliery, in the West Ward of the district.
 - (1) From an adit in the Frank Shaft, 270 ft below ground surfaces.
 - (2) From a 12" borehole, 220 ft deep.
- (b) 20" borehole, Bedworth Waterworks.

The borehole is 20" in diameter and 275 feet deep.

- (c) Exhall Deep Well.

The Well is 9ft in diameter, and approximately 260-300ft deep.

- (d) Birmingham.

This is used as a supplementary supply, being piped via Nuneaton.

All this water is pumped into a storage reservoir at the Waterworks. The reservoir has a storage capacity of 750,000 galls. The water is pumped from the reservoir and boosted direct to the town. The water tower is now only used for night duty.

- (e) Coventry Corporation, for certain districts in Exhall.

As a result of the above it is considered that the water supply of the area has been reasonably satisfactory in quantity.

MEAT

CARCASES INFECTED AND CONDEMNED 1971

DETAILS

Cattle
excluding
Cows

Cows

Calves

Sheep
&
Lambs

Pigs

Number killed

308

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2445

735

Number inspected

308

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2445

735

All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticercosis:-

Whole carcasses condemned

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Carcasses of which some part or
organ condemned

129

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227

171

Percentage of the number inspected
affected with disease other than
tuberculosis and cysticercosis

41.5

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Tuberculosis only:-

Whole carcass condemned

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Carcasses of which some part or
organ condemned

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Percentage of the number inspected
affected with tuberculosis

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Cysticercosis Bovis

Carcasses of which some part or
organ condemned

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Carcasses submitted to treatment by
refrigeration

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Generalised and totally condemned

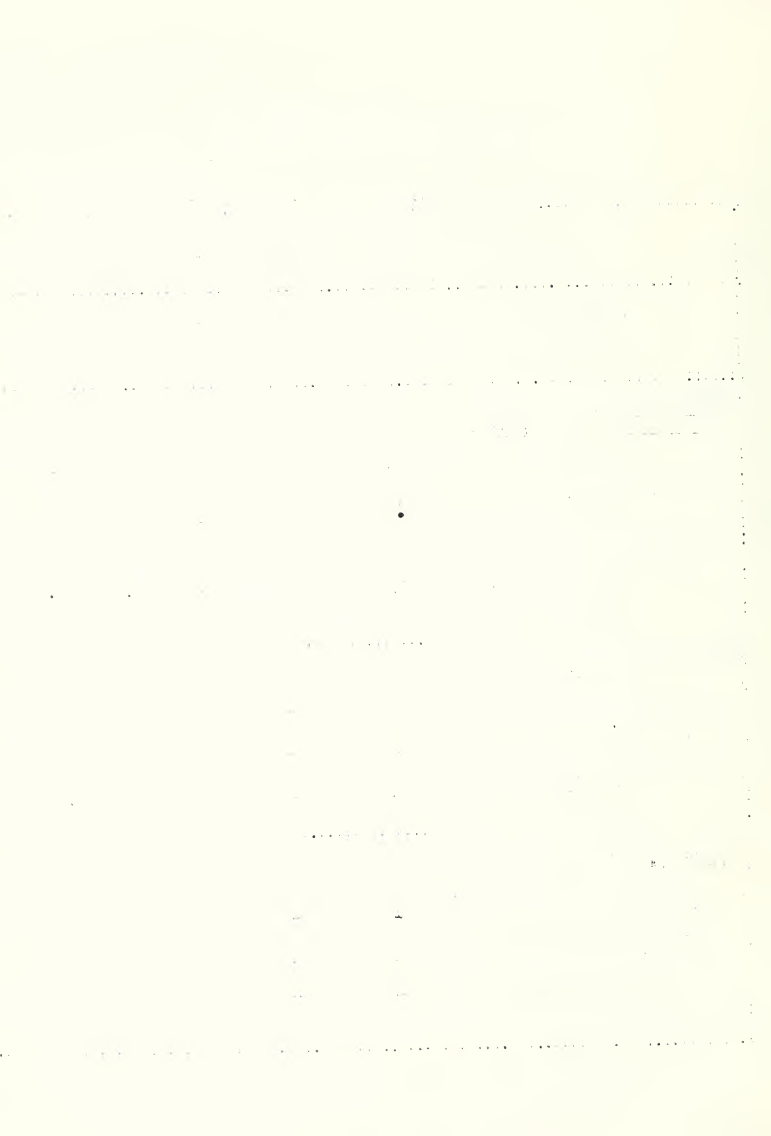
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FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces, including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

<u>PREMISES.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF</u>		
	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories (including factory laundries)	140	34	-
Workshops (including workshop laundries)	-	-	-
Workplaces (other than outworkers premises)	-	-	-
	<u>140</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>-</u>

DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

	<u>Number of Defects</u>		<u>Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were made.</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	
<u>Nuisances under the Factories Act, 1961.</u>			
Want of cleanliness	4	4	-
Want of ventilation	3	3	-
Lack of intervening ventilated space	23	23	-
Sanitary accommodation			
Unsuitable or defective	14	14	-
	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>-</u>

INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.)

<u>PREMISES</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Number of Written Notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	140	140	14	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (outworkers' premises excluded)	-	-	-	-



